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All Roads Lead to Delta

Our feature article in this magazine focuses on roads and roadway construction that residents will see and experience this summer. Did you know that Delta Township does not have jurisdiction or authority over any of the roadways within the Township? The Eaton County Road Commission (ECRC) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) have authority over the roads within the Township. MDOT has responsibility for State Highways these include I-96, I-496, I-69, Old US-27/ Lansing Rd., and M-43/Saginaw Hwy. The ECRC has responsibility for all of the remaining public roads within the Township such as Willow Hwy., Creyts Rd. and the public subdivision streets. We also have private roadways within the Township that were built and are now maintained by private entities such as subdivision or condominium associations.

MDOT and ECRC are responsible for construction, maintenance, snow plowing and all other related roadwork for the roads within the Township. Delta Township does work collaboratively with the ECRC to plan maintenance, repaving, and reconstruction of roadways within the Township. We provide the necessary local government matching funds to secure grants from the State and Federal government to build or expand roadways. For example, Delta Township contributed the local matching funds necessary to expand south Creyts Rd. and Mt. Hope Hwy.

Delta does not receive any tax money for roads. Tax dollars for roads come from two main sources Act 51 which is the sales tax on gasoline and the monies for construction/reconstruction of roads from the federal government. The Eaton County Road Commission receives this roadway funding. The Eaton County Road Commission is a three-member board whose members are appointed to 6-year terms by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners.

Who do I call with questions or concerns about roadways? The Township is happy to take your calls and we can assist you in determining who has authority over the roadway in question. You may also call the Eaton County Road Commission directly at 1-877-88EATON. Written correspondence can be sent to the Township Administration Building or to the ECRC office in Charlotte at 1112 Reynolds Rd., Charlotte, MI 48813. The MDOT may be contacted at 373-2160, or at mdot.state.mi.us.

We encourage you to read the roadways article in this magazine and make a note of the various road construction projects that will impact your travels this summer.

Sincerely,

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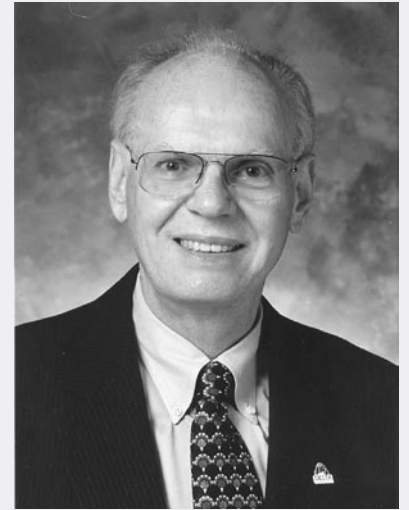
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Treasurer Phil Chisholm attended Alma College and graduated with a major in economics. He also completed the two-year program with General Motors Dealer Co-Operative Training. In 1967 Phil went to work for the Michigan Highway Department (now MDOT) and retired as Public Hearing Officer in 1997.

In March of 1974 he was appointed to the Planning Commission and was elected Delta Trustee in 1980. He has served Delta Township since that date as Trustee and was appointed Treasurer in 1999.

Mr. Chisholm has had several interesting hobbies over the years. While in Phoenix, he raced boats and go-karts. He also began a drag racing career that over several years saw him win two national class championships and finally the Junior Stock Eliminator championship at the 1964 National Championships in Indianapolis.

In recent years he has hosted four exchange students. They have come from Sweden, Slovakia, The Netherlands and Czech Republic. Phil has visited those countries several times and most recently traveled to Sweden to attend his first student's wedding.



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Road Construction in Delta Township - How Will it Affect YOU?

A look into road construction starting this spring.

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FEATURE ARTICLE

Road Construction in Delta Township

Upcoming Construction Canal Rd. Mt. Hope to the State Secondary Complex:

The Eaton County Road Commission will be contracting to have Canal Rd. expanded from Lanac Rd. south of the State Secondary Complex in Windsor Township where it is currently a boulevard. When complete it will be a four-lane road with five lanes at the intersections. South of Davis Hwy., Canal Rd. will be elevated to pass over or bridge the railroad tracks. This portion of Canal Rd. south of Davis and north of the Crouner will be closed to traffic during the summer of 2003. Canal Rd. from Davis Hwy north will be open throughout construction. Expect delays.

Creyts Rd. at the Eastbound I-496 ramp:

The Eaton County Road Commission will be constructing a right turn lane for the eastbound highway on ramp during the summer 2003.

Millett Hwy. between Canal and Creyts Rd.:

Millett Hwy. from Canal Rd. east to Creyts will be widened to three lanes and five lanes at the intersections. It will be open to traffic during construction; however, travelers should avoid this route if possible and expect delays when using this stretch of road. Construction is scheduled to commence early summer 2003.

Davis Hwy between Canal Rd. and Guinea Rd.:

Davis Hwy from Canal Rd. west to Guinea Rd. will be widened to three lanes. It will be closed to traffic and construction is scheduled to begin mid summer with completion in November.

Sanders, Pierson, and Snow Rd. improvements:

The Eaton County Road Commission will be conducting repairs and some reconstruction of intersections on Sanders, Pierson and Snow Rd. south of Mt. Hope Hwy. The roadway will be open during construction and is currently scheduled for spring 2003.

All projects are subject to contractor availability; and thus, construction timeframes remain tentative and subject to change by the Eaton County Road Commission. If you require additional information please contact the Road Commission at 1-877-88EATON.



Drain Projects Impacting Roadways Are Planned For 2004

Mt. Hope Highway at the Carrier Creek will be closed to traffic for approximately 6 weeks for the re-construction of the Carrier Creek Drain that traverses from north to south across Mt. Hope Highway approximately 1/2 mile west of Creyts Road.

Willow Highway at the Carrier Creek east of Canal Road will be closed for re-construction summer 2004. The Eaton County Drain Commissioner

will be completing a drain re-construction project at the Carrier Creek under Willow Highway.

Road Construction Successes 2002

Driving through the intersection of St. Joseph Highway and Snow Road one immediately recognizes the improvements the Eaton County Road Commission completed during the summer of 2002. The intersection now has five lanes including two through lanes for both eastbound and westbound traffic as well as a left turn lane. Large vehicles like school buses can now more easily maneuver the intersection while remaining in their designated lane. The intersection has increased capacity during the peak traffic hours. This is especially helpful at efficiently dispersing traffic flow prior to and following school related activities.

Mt. Hope Highway was expanded from a two-lane road to a four and five-lane Class A roadway during the summer of 2002. It was largely completed in 2002 and was reopened for traffic during the fall. Travelers may notice some workers in 2003 completing the final surface preparation activities and painting.

Mt. Hope Highway is a main connector street within the southern portion of the Township; and therefore, the reconstruction impacted many businesses, residents and non-residents. We really appreciated the patience and cooperation of all travelers. The completed improvements now greatly contribute to efficient vehicular flow in that portion of the Township and accommodate the additional industrial truck movements the area has experienced in recent years. ▲

CLASS REGISTRATION

How and When to Register for Classes

Walk-In Registration

Date: **Thursday, March 13, 2003**

When: **Delta Township Residents: 5:30-6:30 p.m.**
Anyone: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Where: **Meeting Room A, 2nd Level of the Administration Building (use the west entrance)**

Phone-In Registration

Date: **Starting Friday, March 14, 2003**

Open call-in registration begins at 8:00 a.m. the day after walk-in registration and will remain open until all classes are filled. Our phone number is (517) 323-8555. Registrations left on voicemail will not be honored.

How and When to Register

All Community Arts Classes require pre-registration through WALK-IN (the first time any registrations will be taken) or CALL-IN, with the exception of the following: Classes without a code (ex: A105) listed and that say to register and pay fees in class, and programs offered by departments other than Parks & Recreation. You do not need to wait for walk-in registration to sign up for special events or athletics. Only registered participants may attend class. No substitutions.

Payments

Payments for all walk-in registrations must be made at the time of registration. Payments for phone-in registrations must be paid within three business days of registration to hold your spot. Make checks payable to Delta Township. Send checks to: **Delta Township Parks & Recreation, 7710 W. Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917**. Please specify on your check what classes or programs you are paying for and list names if different from the name on the check.

Class Cancellations

If a class is completely cancelled prior to the start of the class, registrants will be notified and full refunds issued. When programs or classes are cancelled due to the weather, a message will be placed on our program information phone line: 323-8550. Every attempt will be made to reschedule the class for a later date.

Registration Exceptions

Programs are designed according to instructor/student ratios and on an age or level that will benefit the student. Children must be within the specified class age group by the first class meeting. All adult classes are open to those who have reached the age of 18 prior to the first class meeting unless otherwise specified in the description. Please do not ask us to exceed the class limits or put your child in the wrong age or skill level. Let us place you on the waiting list so we may attempt to create an additional class.

We Love Parents, But...

With your child's best interest in mind, parents are invited to visit the last class meeting. Our instructors have found that quality instruction is affected by parent and sibling distractions during class time. We feel it is extremely beneficial for children to have recreational time with their peers. Our instructors are always happy to discuss your child's progress with you.

WANTED: INSTRUCTORS

Delta Township Parks & Recreation is always looking for innovative individuals who would like to share their expertise with others. Our program opportunities include all types of arts & crafts, dance, and special interest programs. Paid positions are available for persons interested in teaching children or adults. Scheduling is flexible. If you are interested in teaching a class, please contact us at 323-8555 or send in this form so we can contact you.

Mail this form to: **Barbara Sherbo Kellogg**
Delta Township Parks & Recreation
7710 W. Saginaw Highway
Lansing, MI 48917

NAME

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE

CLASS TOPIC

For more information call the Parks & Recreation Office at 323-8555.

ADULT CLASSES

Fun and Educational Class Opportunities

Ballroom Dancing

These classes are designed for beginners or as excellent refreshers. Sign up for one or both. You choose the dances you want. Couples only, please. Price is per couple.

\$38.00 for 6 Sessions

Garnett Kepler

Lower Floor Community Center

Limit: 15 couples

CHA CHA: Tuesday, 6:45-7:35pm, 4/15-5/20 - A101

FOXTROT: Tuesday, 7:45-8:35pm, 4/15-5/20 - A102

Belly Dancing - Ages 16-Adult

If you're bored, stooped and dragging, grab your workout clothes and shake off the doldrums! The ancient wonders of belly dancing are yours for the twist of a hip. The rhythmic undulations will re-vitalize every part of your body as you stretch, shimmy and roll your way around this modernized version of the ancient dance.

Beginning: Monday, 7:30-8:30pm, 4/14-5/19 - A103

Intermediate: Tuesday, 5:30-6:20pm, 4/15-5/20 - A104

\$28.00 for 6 Sessions

Garnett Kepler

RM 303 Enrichment Center

Limit: 15 participants

Bridge - Commonly Used Bridge Conventions

Have fun while learning the fundamental concepts of commonly used conventions. Some knowledge of basic bridge is helpful.

Wednesday, 10:00am-12:00pm, 4/16-5/7 - A105

\$19.00 for 4 Sessions

Christine B. Adams

Upper Floor Community Center

Limit: 30 participants

Cardio Kickbox Aerobics - Ages 14-Adult

Join us for an hour of fun performing an invigorating workout designed for men and women. This workout will increase your metabolism and decrease stress levels. The workout incorporates basic stretches, kicks, punches, jump roping, hand dumbbell weights, resistance bands, and circuit training in an easy to follow format and is set to rhythmic music. The class begins with a 15-minute warm-up period, then moves into drills, punches, kicks and combinations, and circuit/weight training segments and finishes with a cool down period with ab and floor work. Class participants can work out at their own fitness level from beginner to advanced and should wear loose comfortable clothing and

court aerobic tennis shoes. Participants must bring their own set of hand dumbbell weights (2-3 lb. beginner or 4-6 lb. inter/adv.). Participants can purchase resistance bands from the instructor or bring their own.

Monday & Wednesday, 5:30-6:30pm, 4/14-5/21 - A106

\$45.00 for 12 Sessions

Kimberly Graham, Ndeita Certified Fitness Instructor

Upper Floor Community Center

Limit: 30 participants

Computers 101 - Introduction To Computers

In this class for adults who have limited or no computer knowledge, we will learn basic computer terms (RAM, CPU, Windows 98, DOS, etc), the parts of the computer and how to use the mouse and function keys, the use of Windows 95 or higher, troubleshooting your computer, and introductory Microsoft word processing (opening a Word document, using commands and tool tips, entering a text into the document, cutting, copying, and pasting, formatting a document, inserting and working with clip art or an image into your document, etc.).

Tuesday, 6:00-6:55pm, 4/15-5/6 - A107

\$65.00 for 4 Sessions

Instructor provided by Computer Explorers

DeWitt Junior High School Computer Lab

Limit: 12 participants

Computers 102 - Intermediate MS Word Processing

In this class students learn some advanced features of MS Word Processing such as working with tables, applying borders and shading, using numbers and bullets, using Spell Check, using section and page breaks, using headers and footers, drawing objects and lines, proofing and editing documents with multiple columns to create a newsletter for example, inserting and working with text boxes, working with graphics (inserting clip art or an image, sizing and positioning a graphic, etc.) and text boxes, and using Mail Merge to create multiple letters and mailing labels.

Tuesday, 7:00-7:55pm, 4/15-5/6 - A108

\$65.00 for 4 Sessions

Instructor provided by Computer Explorers

DeWitt Junior High School Computer Lab

Limit: 12 participants

Computers 103 - Internet For Beginners

Students will learn basic terminology, how to get online, find different web sites by entering an address (or URL), maneuver within a web site (find hot spot, use back and forward buttons), set up an email account (using free services such as Juno, Hotmail, etc., or paid ISPs such as AOL, GTE, etc.), send and receive messages, send an e-mail attachment (letter or picture), use a "search engine" to look for and download information on the Internet, and "bookmark" favorite web sites.

Tuesday, 5:00-5:55pm, 4/15-5/6 - A109

\$65.00 for 4 Sessions

Instructor provided by Computer Explorers

DeWitt Junior High School Computer Lab

Limit: 12 participants

Computers 201 - Excel

Students will learn how to use spreadsheets, using MS Excel. They will learn how to open a workbook and worksheet, name, save, and print a worksheet, enter data (numbers and words), use the autofill feature to quickly do month or year labels, widen columns and rows, and sort data. Students will also learn how to use functions (sum, average, etc.), format a sheet, create a page footer and header, and create a title and print it on every page.

Wednesday, 6:00-6:55pm, 4/16-5/7 - A110

\$65.00 for 4 Sessions

Instructor provided by Computer Explorers

DeWitt Junior High School Computer Lab

Limit: 12 participants

Computers 202 - Introduction To MS PowerPoint

In this class students will learn how to make presentations for business or pleasure, using MS PowerPoint. They will learn how to use basic presentation skills (creating a new presentation, entering text, adding a new slide, using designed templates, etc.), enhance presentations (changing font, adding/removing bullets, etc.), use clipart, use different slide views (sorter, show, and page notes views), set up a slide show (animations, transition, special effects, etc.), and print their presentations.

Wednesday, 7:00-7:55pm, 4/16-5/7 - A111

\$65.00 for 4 Sessions

Instructor provided by Computer Explorers

DeWitt Junior High School Computer Lab

Limit: 12 participants

Core Conditioning - Awesome Abs And Better Backs

This class is a blend of yoga postures and pilates mat exercises that will strengthen and balance the core muscles (abs & back). Emphasis will also be placed on hip and shoulder stability and flexibility. Participants need a yoga or exercise mat.

Wednesday, 6:00-6:45pm, 4/16-4/30 - A112

\$12.00 for 3 Sessions

Sybil Shelton-Ford, Fitness Professional & Yoga Teacher

RM 303 Enrichment Center

Limit: 15 participants

Dog Training - Ages 16-Adult

This is no-punishment training - using positive reinforcement to teach the dog to willingly cooperate. It is based on the click and treat method used in dolphin training and for animal actors in Hollywood. We will teach basic behaviors such as sit, down, come, stay and leash walking. We will also do problem solving and learn cues like "Off" and "Leave It". Written instructions will be available. Please expect to have a good time! Dogs must be 4 months old and handlers must be 16 years old. Please bring your dog's proof of rabies

vaccination on the first night.

Monday, 6:30-7:30pm, 4/14-5/19 - A113

Monday, 7:30-8:30pm, 4/14-5/19 - A114

\$65.00 for 6 Sessions

Sally Holliday

Lower Floor Community Center

Limit: 12 participants



Golfer's "Back-Swing" To Health - Ages 16-Adult

Golf is a great sport. Stay healthy throughout the season by learning simple spinal exercises. The class will emphasize stretching specific to the golf swing, as well as other strategies to prevent injury. Bring a golf club to use during the stretching.

Tuesday, 7:00-8:00pm, 4/22 - A115

\$10.00 for a One Day Class

Chad Lake, Chiropractor

RM A Administration Building

Limit: 30 participants

Grace Under Pressure

This program is specifically designed for today's concerns. Individual discussion and a hands-on approach to proven techniques for travel, school and the work place are taught. This class is held in conjunction with the Open Family Sanchin-Ryu Karate class to give each participant the opportunity to work in a hands-on environment. REGISTER AND PAY FEES IN CLASS.

Thursday, 8:00-9:00pm, 4/17-6/19

\$30.00 for 10 Sessions

Instructor provided by Sanchin Systems, Inc.

Lower Floor Community Center

Limit: 20 participants

Jazzercise

Fresh Moves-New Music-Pure Motivation-The effective, total-body conditioning program that will help you feel great, look terrific and bring new energy to your life. Jazzercise combines the art of jazz dance with the beat of today's hottest music to make Jazzercise fun! Each 60-minute class incorporates a warm-up segment comprising gentle rhythmic movements; an aerobic segment to increase cardiovascular fitness and burn calories; a muscle toning segment with weights to strengthen the hips, thighs, derriere, abdomen, upper torso, and arms; and a final cool-down. Wear comfortable clothes with sport shoes. Bring a mat, water bottle and weights (if desired). Option of attending all 7 classes in Delta Township and Grand Ledge each week. Brand new student offer=\$7 per week with a 10 week minimum purchase. No membership fees or contracts.

\$74.00 - 8 weeks / \$32.00 - 1 month EFT

EFT = Electronic Funds Transfer

Sandy Cornell-Howe, Certified Instructor

Call 626-6292 for more information.

Register in class. Ongoing class, start anytime

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30am

Tuesday & Thursday 5:45-6:45pm

Upper Floor Community Center

Childcare available at the 9:30am class

Limit: 40 participants

"Americans see recreation as a key tool in improving education, in fighting obesity, in deterring youth violence and sustaining families. Proof of the value we place on recreation is documented by the facts that 75% of us engage in outdoor recreation activities at least monthly, and that our activities represent consumer spending in excess of \$400 billion annually."

-Derrick Crandall, President of the American Recreation Coalition

Mystery Shopping

Can you imagine getting paid to shop, dine, and travel? Believe it or not - it is possible! Mystery shopping is growing in popularity and is perfect for anyone who would like to supplement his or her current income and have fun doing it. Participants will learn what mystery shopping, merchandising, auditing, and exit interviews are; what skills are required to become a shopper; how to apply to mystery shopping companies; how to secure assignments and fill out reports.

Monday, 7:00-8:30pm, 4/28 - A116

\$14.00 for a One Day Class

Ronda Ackerson, President, Just the Facts

Upper Floor Community Center

Limit: 40 participants

NIA - Ages 16-Adult

Join me and experience The Rosas' NIA technique workout. NIA - Neuromuscular Integrative Action, a creative blend of East and West - Tai Chi, Tae-Kwon-Do, jazz, modern dance, and Feldenkrais technique. Safely develop strength, flexibility, balance, relaxation, and endurance without jumping up and down! Develop sensory awareness to improve your everyday life. Discover new, efficient ways of moving and relating.

Saturday, 9:00-10:00am, 4/19-5/24 - A117

Sunday, 9:00-10:00am, 4/20-5/25 - A118

\$30.00 for 6 Sessions

Trudie Wilson

RM 303 Enrichment Center

Limit: 15 participants

Open Family Karate

Sanchin-Ryu style karate is an art form taught on an individual basis or the whole family together. Its non-competitive philosophy lets each person build self-defense awareness. When studied by the whole family, communication and direction of growth strengthens. Promotional system available, additional fee required. REGISTER AND PAY FEES IN CLASS.

\$40.00 Individual, \$75 Family for 10 Sessions

Thursday, 7:00-9:00pm, 4/17-6/19

Instructor provided by Sanchin Systems, Inc.

Lower Floor Community Center

Limit: 30 participants

Photography - Ages 15-Adult

Learn to use your camera, no matter what kind you own. Learn how easy it is to take professional looking family, pet and vacation photos as well as tricks to capturing great outdoor and wildlife photos with very basic equipment. As a bonus you will learn about getting published, selling your work and what contest judges look for in photo shows. Learn how to decorate your home with your own pictures and get the most out of each shot. This class, instructed by national award winning outdoor writer and photographer, Ron St. Germain, will save you hundreds of dollars and years of frustration. REGISTER NOW BY CALLING WOLDUMAR NATURE CENTER AT 322-0030.

Monday 4/14, 4/21, 4/28 6:30-9:00pm, and

Saturday 4/19 10:00am-1:00pm

\$50.00 for 4 Sessions

Ron St. Germain

Woldumar Nature Center, 5539 Old Lansing Rd

Limit: 25 participants

Scrapbooking - Ages 15-Adult

Are you ready for your summer vacation photos? If not, then this class is for you. You can learn to create an album for your summer vacation. Come and learn the safe "Creative Memories" way to create a scrapbook album. Bring along 6 to 8 related photos along with a pair of sharp scissors. I will bring all the necessary scrapbook tools to try out and use. Scrapbook supplies will be available to purchase. If you already have some supplies, bring them along. What a great way to learn a new "hobby" for all to treasure.

Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm, 5/6 - A119

\$12.00 for a One Day Class

Joanne Roth, Creative Memories Consultant

RM 301 Enrichment Center

Limit: 10 participants

Sign Language - Beginning - Ages 16-Adult

Here is a great way to learn a second language. This class will give you the basic sign language skills to be able to communicate with simple sentence structure and vocabulary. At the end of this class you will have learned the alphabet and numbers as well as over 150 words.

Monday, 6:30-7:30pm, 4/14-5/19 - A120

\$30.00 for 6 Sessions

Kelli Potter

RM 302 Enrichment Center

Limit: 15 participants

Start To Finish - Ages 16-Adult

This class will include a variety of aerobic moves, strength training, and yoga. The goal is to achieve physical and emotional strength while shaping into a realistic self. Dress comfortably - in lightweight stretchy clothing. Can attend up to 3 sessions per week.

**Tuesday & Thursday - 6:30-7:30pm, Saturday - 9:00-10:00am
4/15-5/13 - A121**

\$40.00 for 12 Sessions

Pat Flotka and ATA Staff

410 Elmwood Rd

Limit: 20 participants

Taekwondo - Shinn's Taekwondo Academy - Ages 13-Adult

Learn the Korean martial art of Taekwondo, which will help you relieve stress while improving mental focus and physical coordination. Taekwondo is the world's most popular martial art due to its systematic development of and emphasis on kicking techniques. Beginning students will have the opportunity to practice with other beginner students as well as with other more advanced students. White uniform optional.

Monday & Wednesday, 7:05-7:55pm, 4/14-5/7 - A122

\$40.00 for 8 Sessions

Instructor provided by Shinn's Taekwondo

5601 W. Saginaw

Limit: 8 participants

**Taekwondo For Adults - Ages 13-Adult**

Learn basic self defense, increase your flexibility, and improve your self confidence. Be a participant not a spectator. Cost includes a uniform.

Monday & Wednesday, 6:15-7:00pm, 4/14-5/14 - A123

\$50.00 for 10 Sessions

Instructor provided by Flotka's ATA BlackBelt Academy

410 Elmwood Rd

Limit: 10 participants



Watercolors I - Ages 16-Adult

Get started with the right brush and the right paper, and you'll be churning out masterpieces of your very own in no time! We will start out with two different paintings to teach you most of the techniques you will ever need to know. All supplies included.

Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm, 4/15-5/20 - A124

\$67.00 for 6 Sessions

Debi Knowles

RM 302 Enrichment Center

Limit: 10 participants

Watercolors II - Ages 16-Adult

If you have taken Watercolors from Debi before then you are ready for this class. She will work with you to develop your skills to your full potential. New projects will be included in this class so that everyone can keep learning. You are required to bring your brushes from Watercolors I. All other supplies are included. If not, you must purchase them at the first class for \$25.00. You must come into the Parks & Recreation office before class starts to pick up your paper and pattern. Please have it traced by the first class so you can begin painting immediately.

Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm, 4/16-5/21 - A125

\$42.00 for 6 Sessions

Debi Knowles

RM 302 Enrichment Center

Limit: 10 participants

Beginning Yoga - Ages 16-Adult

Join us as we explore poses (asanas) designed to enhance strength, flexibility, endurance, and balance. This is an Iyengar-style Hatha yoga class, which incorporates the use of props and focuses on centering (warm-up), stretching (work-out), and relaxation techniques. All fitness levels are welcome to attend this ongoing class. Students of yoga report increased vitality, lower stress levels and emotional peace of mind. Participants are encouraged not to eat heavily before class and to wear loose comfortable clothing. Any necessary props will be provided.

Wednesday, 6:45-8:15pm, 4/16-5/21 - A126

Thursday, 6:45-8:15pm, 4/17-5/22 - A127

\$36.00 for 6 Sessions

Laurie Lane

Upper Floor Community Center (A126)

RM 303 Enrichment Center (A127)

Limit: 24 participants (A126)

Limit: 12 participants (A127)

Come and Join the Pacers Walking Club at the Lansing Mall!

Club benefits include: Eligibility for monthly prizes, free blood pressure checks every Wednesday morning in the food court, special events, monthly newsletters, information on activities/events in the community, and an emergency information identification pouch. Club members can also purchase a club t-shirt for \$6.00 (shirts available at the Delta Township Parks and Recreation Office).

There is no charge to become a member! For more information please call Christine Hollister - Sparrow LifeTime at 364-8146 or Kathy Sobczyk - Delta Township Parks & Recreation at 323-8555.

Walk for wellness and improve your heart, lungs, bones, weight, muscles, cholesterol, sleep, and energy.

Sponsors for the Pacers Walking Club are: Sparrow Health System, Lansing Mall, and Delta Township Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries.



YOUTH CLASSES

Fun and Educational Class Opportunities

Acrobatics

An introduction to basic tumbling moves and agility tricks such as handstands, cartwheels, front and back somersaults, and bridges. We'll work on stretching and limbering the body and learn the proper form of tumbling. This is an on-going class. Each child will work on moves and tricks appropriate to his or her skill level.

Monday, 5:30-6:20pm, 4/14-5/19 - Y101

5-8 year olds

\$28.00 for 6 Sessions

Garnett Kepler

RM 303 Enrichment Center

Limit: 8 participants

Acro/Dance

This class combines basic tumbling with jazz dance. Each class will start with warm-ups, dance combinations, and proper form for tumbling. We will include some rhythmic gymnastics and a short routine.

Monday, 6:30-7:20pm, 4/14-5/19 - Y102

8-14 year olds

\$28.00 for 6 Sessions

Garnett Kepler

RM 303 Enrichment Center

Limit: 10 participants

Ballet/Jazz

Introduction to basic steps and terminology with fundamental jazz techniques. Develop dancing skills and enhance creative movement.

Monday, 4:30-5:20pm, 4/14-5/19 - Y103

5-7 year olds

\$28.00 for 6 Sessions

Garnett Kepler

RM 303 Enrichment Center

Limit: 10 participants

Jr. Karate And Self-Defense

This program is offered to children K-8th grades. Class topics include a range of self-defense ideas such as how to handle the school bully without fighting and the proper use of the magical word "NO!" through the physical movements taught from the Karate style Sanchin-Ryu. Children are taught they train so that they will not have to fight. Tremendous self-confidence is achieved. (Parents please note: Children must be taken into the classroom

Drawing Basics

If you want to work on your drawing skills, come and join in the fun. We will begin with the basics and include shading and shadowing to enhance our drawings. Work with colored pencils will also be a part of our class. Please bring a spiral drawing pad to class.

Tuesday, 4:45-6:00pm, 4/15-5/20 - Y104

Ages 9-16

\$28.00 for 6 Sessions

Debi Knowles

RM 302 Enrichment Center

Limit: 10 participants

Mother-Daughter Self-Defense Workshop Ages 13-Adult

"Develop An Attitude - Don't Be A Victim". Learn defensive moves against grabs, hair pulls, and other harmful situations. No experience required. Wear loose clothing. Fee is for two people and includes a 30 day pass to use at a later date.

Saturday, 11:00am-1:00pm, 5/3 - Y105

13-Adult

\$58.00 for a One Day Class

**Instructor Provided By Flotka's ATA Blackbelt Academy
410 Elmwood Rd**

Limit: 16 participants

Pre-Dance

Fundamental dance movements including ballet, tap, and jazz expressed to music along with warm-ups, tumbling, and simple dance sequences. Time for creative expression too!

Tuesday, 4:30-5:20pm, 4/15-5/20 - Y106

4-6 year olds

\$28.00 for 6 Sessions

Garnett Kepler

RM 303 Enrichment Center

Limit: 10 participants

and will not be released from the class until a parent is present. Please be on time.)

REGISTER AND PAY FEES IN CLASS.

K-3rd Grade: Thursday, 6:00-7:00pm, 4/17-6/19

4th-8th Grade: Thursday, 7:00-8:00pm, 4/17-6/19

\$30.00 for 10 Sessions

Instructor provided by Sanchin Systems, Inc.

Lower Floor Community Center

Limit: 30 participants

Scrapbooking For Parents & Children

Come and share the joy of scrapbooking with your child. Instructor will share the basic instructions on how to start the first of many album pages. Bring 6-8 theme related photos along with a sharp pair of scissors. If you have scrapbook supplies already, bring them with you. Supplies available at class to purchase. Start a new hobby with your child.

Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm, 5/13 - Y107

8 & older with parent

\$20.00 per couple for a One Day Class

Joanne Roth, Creative Memories

RM 300 Enrichment Center

Limit: 5 couples

Start Smart - Sports Development Program

Is your child ready for sports? The Delta Township Parks & Recreation Department and the National Alliance for Youth Sports present the Start Smart Sports Development Program. Start Smart is a six-week instructional program that helps parents work one-on-one with their children while teaching them the basics of sports: throwing, catching, kicking, and batting. The program helps prepare children for organized youth sports by using safe and fun equipment to teach them the basic motor skills needed to compete. Start Smart is open to children (3-5 years old) who can attend sessions with their parent or another significant adult. One child per one adult. There will be a parent orientation meeting on Monday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. (no children, please).

Monday, 10:00-11:00am, 4/14-5/19 - Y108

3-5 with parent

\$35.00 for 6 Sessions

**Instructor Provided by Delta Township Parks & Recreation
Upper Floor Community Center**

Limit: 10 children & 10 adults

Taekwondo For Juniors - Shinn's Taekwondo Academy

Learn the Korean martial art of Taekwondo, which will help you increase physical coordination while improving mental focus and self-control. Beginning students will have the opportunity to practice with other beginner students as well as with more advanced students.

Monday & Wednesday, 5:30-6:15pm, 4/14-5/7 - Y109

6-12 year olds

\$40.00 for 8 Sessions

Steve Shinn

5601 W. Saginaw

Limit: 8 participants

Taekwondo For Juniors - ATA Blackbelt Academy

Learn basic self-defense while improving self-confidence and self-esteem. Results guaranteed. Cost includes uniform.

Monday & Wednesday, 5:30-6:10pm, 4/14-5/14 - Y110

7-12 year olds

\$50.00 for 10 Sessions

**Instructor Provided by Flotka's ATA Black Belt Academy
410 Elmwood Rd**

Limit: 15 participants

Taekwondo For Tiger Tots - Shinn's Taekwondo Academy

This is an introductory class using fun, safe and exciting classroom drills, and instructional methods. The emphasis is placed on developing respect, courtesy, and mental focus while improving physical coordination and motor skills.

Monday & Wednesday, 6:30-7:00pm, 4/14-5/7 - Y111

4-6 year olds

\$40.00 for 8 Sessions

Instructor provided by Shinn's Taekwondo

5601 W. Saginaw

Limit: 5 participants

Taekwondo For Tiger Tots - Shinn's Taekwondo Academy

This is an introductory class using fun, safe and exciting classroom drills, and instructional methods. The emphasis is placed on developing respect, courtesy, and mental focus while improving physical coordination and motor skills.

Tuesday & Friday, 4:50-5:20pm, 4/15-5/9 - Y112

4-6 year olds

\$40.00 for 8 Sessions

Instructor provided by Shinn's Taekwondo

5601 W. Saginaw

Limit: 5 participants

Taekwondo For Tiny Tigers - ATA Blackbelt Academy

This class is designed for children with a lot of energy. We will develop listening skills, boost confidence level, and develop other "good" habits while learning how to "control" our kicks and punches. Results guaranteed. Fee includes uniform.

Wednesday & Friday, 4:45-5:15pm, 4/16-5/16 - Y113

4-6 year olds

\$50.00 for 10 Sessions

**Instructor Provided by Flotka's ATA Black Belt Academy
410 Elmwood Rd.**

Limit: 10 participants

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fun for the Whole Family!

Easter Fun Carnival

Delta Township Parks & Recreation presents its 5th Annual Easter Fun Carnival on **Friday, April 11th** at the Delta Township Community Center (located on the corner of Willow Highway and Canal). The suggested age group is 2-10 years old.

Come join us for fun, food, games and of course a visit from our special guest. Don't forget your cameras! The cost of the event will be **\$2.00** per person (including adults) which includes 5 game tickets. Additional game tickets will be available to purchase at the event - 5 for \$1.00. There are two sessions of the carnival to choose from: **4:30-6:30 p.m.**, or **7:00-9:00 p.m.**

You must pre-register for this event and space is limited. Payment must be received within 3 days of registration to hold your spot. After your payment has been received by this office, you will receive tickets which you **MUST** bring with you to be admitted to the carnival.

Any registrations made the week of April 7-11th must be done in person at the Parks & Recreation Department office. There will be no refunds issued after April 7th. Call NOW to register for some Easter Fun!!

Pre-School Olympics

Bring the whole family to Delta Mills Park on **Saturday, August 16th** for our 7th Annual Pre-School Olympics. This non-competitive event for ages 2-5 will feature the marshmallow shotput, discus throw, checkerboard toss and lots more! Fun for everyone! Look for more information in the summer magazine in mid-May.

28th Annual Fishing Derby

Join us for our exciting Fishing Derby on **Saturday, June 7th** at Sharp Park pond. Fun for the whole family!! More details available in the summer magazine coming out in May.

Walk Michigan

Walk Michigan is a non-competitive program that began in 1985 to give people opportunities to improve their health and fitness through walking while enjoying their local park facilities. Participants are encouraged to walk at their own pace for a distance that is comfortable to them. It is not a race or a competition in any way.

Registration begins 15 minutes before each scheduled walk. All walks will start promptly at the scheduled time. Join us for fun, exercise and prize drawings.

All walks will be held at Hunter's Orchard Park, which is located on Canal Road, 1 1/4 miles north of Saginaw & Canal. Additional parking is available at Delta Mills Park, just east of Hunter's Orchard Park.

Wednesday, May 7, 12:00 noon

Thursday, May 15, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, May 19, 6:00 p.m.



Shipshewana Trip

Delta Township Parks & Recreation Department will be sponsoring a trip to Shipshewana. The trip will take place on **Wednesday, May 14th** and will include round-trip travel on a fully-equipped motor coach furnished by Blue Lakes Charters & Tours and plenty of time to shop for bargains. Our day will end with a family style chicken dinner at Das Dutchman Essenhaus Restaurant. Lunch will be on your own.

We will leave at 7:30 a.m. sharp from the west parking lot of the Delta Township Administration Building and be returning at approximately 9:00 p.m. An itinerary will be sent to you upon registration.

The cost of the trip is **\$45.00** per person. **The deadline to register is April 18th.** Full payment must be made within three days of registration. No refunds after the deadline. Ages 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Music In The Park

Free concerts will be held in Sharp Park again this summer. Three concerts have been scheduled: one in **June**, **July** and **August**. A fun time for the whole family. Look for more details in the summer magazine coming out in mid-May.

**Walk
Michigan!**

To register for these events call the Parks & Recreation Office at 323-8555.

The Fantastically Funny Family Show

This child-friendly family show will be at the Delta Township Community Center, 7550 W. Willow Highway on **Friday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m.** Ventriloquist Richard Paul uses large colorful puppets, children's humor, props, and loads of audience participation. From a funny hiccupping canary named Bosco to a slow-moving goofy snail, to the magical disappearing/reappearing raccoon, to a punching-in-the-face dinosaur and a fly-around-the-audience circus flea, this fast-paced genuinely silly show is guaranteed to keep you laughing.

This special show is geared to ages 4 & older with their parents; however, younger children are welcome. The cost is **\$5.00** per person. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Call 323-8555 NOW to register as spaces are limited. Payment must be received within three business days of your registration to hold your spot. **Deadline to register is May 2nd.** No refunds after the deadline.



*Ventriloquist
Richard Paul and
his puppets*

Touch-A-Truck Day

Bring the whole family out to Sharp Park on **Saturday, August 23rd** for our 5th Annual Touch-A-Truck Day. You'll have the opportunity to climb, touch, honk & more. If you have a unique truck and would like to be included, please call us at 323-8555. Look for more information in the summer magazine coming out in mid-May.

Youth & Adult Golf Program

This program is offered in cooperation with the Grand Ledge Country Club. Each class will last about an hour. The cost of the program is **\$40.00** per session. Check the summer magazine in May for more details.

Youth (Ages 9-18)

Session 1: Tuesdays, June 10, 17, 24 and a Fun Day on Friday, June 27

Session 2: Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22 and a Fun Day on Friday, June 25

Adult

Session 1: Wednesdays, June 11, 18, 25

Session 2: Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23

Delta Rocks! Family Festival 2003

The 5th Annual Delta Rocks! Family Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 28th** at Sharp Park. Committee members are busy planning for another fun-filled day for the entire family. The ever-popular children's craft booths will be back with new crafts for the kids to make. Other events planned for the day include live animals, clowns, the Super Sling Shot, Rock Wall, Trampoline Thing, Clown Bouncer, Bungee Run, Extreme Obstacle Course, Amazing Castle Maze, Classic Car Show, Live Shows, and of course concessions. New this year is a business expo to showcase the many varied businesses Delta Township has to offer. As an added convenience for festivalgoers EATRAN will be graciously donating, for the second year, free roundtrip transportation between Sharp Park and the Lansing Mall. Please mark your calendars for June 28th and bring the entire family out for a day of fun!

Delta Rocks! Family Festival 2003 Business Expo

The festival committee would like to invite all business owners to participate in the Delta Rocks! Family Festival 2003 Business Expo. This is a unique opportunity to showcase your business to thousands of festivalgoers. The Expo will be an integral part of this year's festival and will be centrally located in the park. This is your chance to be creative and make your business shine! Although no sales will be allowed, the expo is an ideal venue to provide giveaways and activities that will attract the public to your area. If you would like more information on this valuable opportunity, please call the Parks & Recreation Department at 323-8555.

Hershey Track & Field Meet

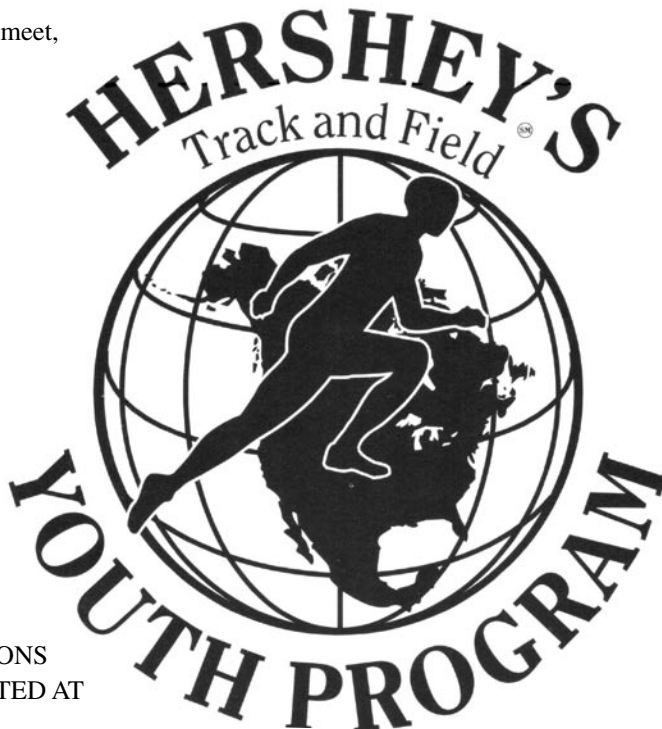
This local meet is a great opportunity for youth to participate in a positive leisure experience, stressing fun and sportsmanship. Those who qualify at this local meet will advance to the State of Michigan Finals in Howell. National qualifiers will receive an all-expense paid trip to the National Finals in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

The track meet is open to both girls and boys **ages 9-14 as of DECEMBER 31, 2003**. Participation is limited to Waverly School District, Grand Ledge School District and Delta Township Residents. Any exceptions must have prior approval from Delta Township Parks & Recreation. A participant may enter only one local meet.

The meet will be held on **Thursday, May 29th at 5:30 p.m.** at the Waverly High School Track. The rain date will be Monday, June 2nd. Participants will not be allowed to wear any type of spiked shoes.

To register for this meet, please fill out the **registration form on page 17** by circling 2 running events and 1 field event or 2 field events and 1 running event. The registration form must be returned by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27th**.

NO REGISTRATIONS
WILL BE ACCEPTED AT
THE MEET.



FROM THE LIBRARY

For more information on the events in this shaded area please contact the **Delta Township Library** at **321-4014**.

This program is co-sponsored by Delta Township Parks and Recreation and Waverly Public Schools. For more information, please call 323-8555.

Hershey Track & Field Age Categories:

- If you were born in **1989** or **1990**, you will be competing in the **13/14** year old category.
- If you were born in **1991** or **1992**, you will be competing in the **11/12** year old category.
- If you were born in **1993** or **1994**, you will be competing in the **9/10** year old category.

If you are running a relay, all relay members **MUST** be in the same age category.

Preschool Story Times

Tuesday, April 15th-May 20th

Story time is at 10:30 a.m.

Registration begins **Monday, April 7th**

Family Story Times

Wednesdays, April 16th-May 21st

Thursdays, April 17th-May 22nd

Story time is at 10:30 a.m.

Registration begins **Monday, April 7th**

Special Story Times and Programs

March is Reading Month and to celebrate Clifford will be here **Friday, March 7th** at 10:30 a.m. and the pig from *If You Give a Pig a Pancake* on **Thursday, March 13th** at 10:30 a.m.

A Storybook Quilt Collection will be on display **April 14th-25th**. Special story times to be announced. Call the library for more information.

Friends Semi-Annual Book and Bake Sale: April 11-13

North Wing - Delta Enrichment Center
Friday, April 11th - Members only
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 12th - General public
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 13th - Bag Day
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Totally Teen Hoopla Programs

Sat., April 19, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Friday, May 9, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Sat., June 14, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Summer Reading Program "Laugh It Up At The Library"

Kick-Off and Friends Open House
Wed., June 11, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Book Discussion Groups

1st Wednesday afternoon of the month
2nd Wednesday evening of the month

ATHLETICS

Youth Baseball, Softball, and T-Ball

Youth Boys Baseball

This is a 6 week program offered to boys ages **7-9 years old** (age as of **June 9, 2003**). When possible, separate 7 year old teams are formed and 8-9 year olds are combined.

The first 2 weeks of the program will be practices, which will include basic skills such as hitting, throwing, catching and base running, and the last 4 weeks will be games. Pitching is done by the coaches.

The program will be held on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** evenings at **Hayes Middle School** beginning **Thursday, June 12, 2003**, with no games July 3rd.

Interested in Coaching?

Coaches are all volunteer parents and we can always use the help! You may indicate on your registration form if you would be willing to coach your child's team. Coaches will receive a letter notifying them how to claim equipment and rosters. The coaches meeting will be held the evening of **June 4, 2003**.

Youth Girls Softball

This is a 6 week program offered to girls ages **7-11 years old** (age as of **June 9, 2003**). When possible groups are formed with 7-8 year olds and 9-11 year olds playing together.

The first 2 weeks of the program will be practices, which will include basic skills such as hitting, throwing, catching and base running, and the last 4 weeks will be games.

The program will be held on **Monday** and **Wednesday** evenings at **Hayes Middle School** beginning **Wednesday, June 11, 2003**.

Youth Coed T-Ball

This is a 6 week program offered to girls and boys ages **5-6 years old** (age as of **June 9, 2003**).

The first 2 weeks of the program will be practices and the last 4 weeks will be games.

The program will be held on **Monday** and **Wednesday** evenings at **Waverly East** beginning **Wednesday, June 11**.

How to Register

The cost for the program is **\$18.00**. A Delta Township Youth Sports shirt is required (blue & white reversible) and is available for an additional \$10.00.

The deadline to register is **May 9, 2003**. After this date, teams will be put together (no special requests are honored). Teams will be formed by school whenever possible.

Hayes Middle School

12620 Nixon Rd, Grand Ledge
Go west on Saginaw past Canal. At Nixon Rd turn right (head north). Go less than 1 mile and it will be on the right hand side.

Waverly East Intermediate

3131 W. Michigan Ave, Lansing
Go east on Saginaw to Waverly Rd. Turn right (head south) on Waverly. The next road will be Michigan - go left (head east). Less than 1 mile down you will see a fire station and water tower. The school is just past them on the right.

Practice and Game Times




The practices and games will last about an hour and will be held between the hours of **5:30 p.m.** and **9:00 p.m.** depending on the number of participants.

All participants will receive a letter listing the team number assigned and when to show up for the first practice. At the first practice you will receive a shirt if one was ordered and a season game and practice schedule. Both practice and game times are scheduled by Delta Township.




DELTA TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC REGISTRATION FORM - Please use one form per person. Feel free to make copies.

PARTICIPANT'S NAME	HOME PHONE	CHILD'S DOB	M/F
STREET	WORK PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAL CONDITION? (Attach brief explanation)	
CITY, ZIP	PERSON'S NAME AT WORK PHONE		
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE NOTICES OF UPCOMING EVENTS VIA EMAIL, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:			

	EVENT NAME	REGISTRATION INFORMATION	COST
<input type="checkbox"/>	2003 BOYS BASEBALL - \$18.00 Deadline: May 9, 2003 Ages 7-9 as of June 9, 2003 	School my child attends: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am willing to coach a team. If yes, name: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2003 GIRLS SOFTBALL - \$18.00 Deadline: May 9, 2003 Ages 7-11 as of June 9, 2003 	School my child attends: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am willing to coach a team. If yes, name: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2003 COED TBALL - \$18.00 Deadline: May 9, 2003 Ages 5-6 as of June 9, 2003 	School my child attends: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am willing to coach a team. If yes, name: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HERSHEY NATIONAL TRACK & FIELD - Ages 9/10 - Born 93/94 (Circle desired events: 2 field + 1 running or 2 running + 1 field) Deadline: May 27, 2003	50 Meter Dash, 100 Meter Dash, 200 Meter Dash, 400 Meter Dash, 4x100 Meter Relay, Standing Long Jump, Softball Throw Relay Team Members: _____ (all must be in the same age category) <i>Questions? Please refer to page 15</i>	- 0 -
<input type="checkbox"/>	HERSHEY NATIONAL TRACK & FIELD - Ages 11/12 - Born 91/92 (Circle desired events: 2 field + 1 running or 2 running + 1 field) Deadline: May 27, 2003	100 Meter Dash, 200 Meter Dash, 400 Meter Dash, 800 Meter Run, 4x100 Meter Relay, Standing Long Jump, Softball Throw Relay Team Members: _____ (all must be in the same age category) <i>Questions? Please refer to page 15</i>	- 0 -
<input type="checkbox"/>	HERSHEY NATIONAL TRACK & FIELD - Ages 13/14 - Born 89/90 (Circle desired events: 2 field + 1 running or 2 running + 1 field) Deadline: May 27, 2003	100 Meter Dash, 200 Meter Dash, 800 Meter Dash, 1600 Meter Run, 4x100 Meter Relay, Standing Long Jump, Softball Throw Relay Team Members: _____ (all must be in the same age category) <i>Questions? Please refer to page 15</i>	- 0 -

Phone: (517) 323-8555 Internet: www.township.delta.mi.us Make checks payable to: Delta Township
 Mail to: Delta Township Parks & Recreation, 7710 W. Saginaw Hwy, Lansing 48917
 No special requests will be honored.

<input type="checkbox"/>  Programs with this symbol require a blue & white reversible shirt. If your child needs one, please select a size and enclose an additional \$10.00. XS S M L XL (all sizes are adult) - \$10.00	
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Parent/Guardian or Adult Participant Waiver, Release of Liability & Consent Agreement
 I understand that the Delta Township Parks and Recreation Department and its program co-sponsors thereof, are in no way responsible for any injury that may be incurred by myself or my child while participating in the program(s) I have registered for and agree to hold the above harmless for injury and damages in return for such participation.

Parent/Guardian or Adult Participant Signature _____



Please Print Name _____

TOTAL DATE RCVD RECEIPT # SHIRT RECEIVED?	
	OFFICE USE ONLY
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2003					Softball registration continues for teams returning from summer 2002. (Call 323-8555 for info)	1 Unpaid property taxes become delinquent today! (see page 21)
2	3 6pm Work Session 7pm Board Meeting	4 Registration For Softball Teams Switching Leagues (323-8555 for info) 7pm Library Board Mtg	5 Reg. Begins For New Softball Teams (323-8555) Afternoon Book Discussion Group (see page 15)	6 7:30pm Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Commission Meeting	7 10:30am Visit Clifford at the library to celebrate Reading Month! (see p15)	8 Come out and shop! 8:00am - 1:00pm Community Garage Sale at the Community Center
9	10 6pm Work Session 7pm Planning Commission March Board of Review on March 10-12 (see page 21)	11 1pm Friends of the Library Board Meeting 7pm Z.B.A.*	12 Evening Book Discussion Group (see page 15)	13 Parks & Recreation Spring Class Walk-In Registration (see page 5)	14 Parks & Recreation Spring Class Phone-In Registration Begins (pg5)	15 A Storybook Quilt Collection will be on display April 14th-25th. (see page 15)
16	17 St. Patrick's Day 6pm Work Session 7pm Board Meeting	18 5:30pm DeltaSide Business Association 7pm Mother/Son Dance (call 323-8555 for info)	19 9am Eaton County Board of Commissioners. Spring Soccer Coach Mtg 5:30pm 10x10, 6pm 4x4	20	21	22 ↓
23 30	24 6pm Work Session 7pm Planning Commission	25 7pm Z.B.A.*	26	27	28	29
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2003						
		1 Lake Delta Opens Ball Diamond Res. Begin 7pm Library Board Mtg Spring Soccer Practices begin the week of March 31st.	2 Afternoon Book Discussion Group (see page 15)	3 7:30pm Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Commission Meeting	4	5
6	7 Registration begins for Story Time (see pg 15) 6pm Work Session 7pm Board Meeting	8 1pm Friends of the Library Board Meeting	9 Evening Book Discussion Group (see page 15)	10	11 Easter Fun Carnival (see page 13) 10am-5pm "Laugh It Up at the Library" (see pg 15)	12 Soccer Games Begin 10am Friends Semi-Annual Book & Bake Sale - Open to the public (see page 15)
13 1pm-3pm Friends Semi-Annual Book & Bake Sale Bag Day (see page 15)	14 Spring Classes Begin 6pm Work Session 7pm Planning Commission	15 7pm Z.B.A.*	16 9am Eaton County Board of Commissioners	17 Passover	18 Good Friday Administrative Offices Closed Today	19 Recycling Center Closed (see page 28) 11:30am-1pm Totally Teen Hoopla (see page 15)

20	21 6pm Work Session 7pm Board Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 6pm Work Session 7pm Planning Commission	29 7pm Z.B.A.*	30			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2003			May 1st: Weed Ordinance Goes Into Effect Deadline to File Homestead Exemption Affidavit (p21)	1 First day to obtain De-junking Vouchers (p27) 7:30pm Parks, Recreation & Cem Commission Mtg	2	3
4 Summer Adult Softball Season Begins!	5 6pm Work Session 7pm Board Meeting	6 7pm Library Board Mtg	7 12:00pm Walk Michigan (see page 13) Afternoon Book Discussion Group (see page 15)	8	9 Deadline to Register for Youth Baseball, Softball, and T-Ball (see pg 16) 6-8pm Totally Teen Hoopla	10
11 Mother's Day 	12 6pm Work Session 7pm Planning Commission	13 1pm Friends of the Library Board Meeting 7pm Z.B.A.* 8am-8pm Vouchers (pg27)	14 Shipshewana Trip (see page 13) Evening Book Discussion Group (see page 15)	15 8:30am Walk Michigan (see page 13) 8am-8pm Vouchers (pg27) 2-8pm De-Junking (pg 27)	16 1-5pm De-Junking (see page 27) 7pm Family Fun Night (see page 14)	17 Armed Services Day 9am-2pm Vouchers (pg27) 9am-4pm De-Junking (see page 27)
18	19 6pm Walk Michigan (see page 13) 6pm Work Session 7pm Board Meeting	20 5:30pm DeltaSide Business Association	21 9am Eaton County Board of Commissioners	22 Parks & Recreation Summer Class Walk-In Registration (see Summer magazine for details)	23 Parks & Recreation Summer Class Phone-In Registration Begins	24 Recycling Center Closed (see page 28)
25 Sales on discount Amusement Park Tickets will begin on May 27th. Call 323-8555 for info.	26 Memorial Day Administrative Offices Closed 	27 5pm Deadline to register for Hershey Track 6pm Work Session 7pm Planning Commission	28 7pm Z.B.A.*	29 5:30pm Hershey Track & Field Meet (see page 15)	30 Car Seat Safety Inspections by the Fire Department. Appointment Required. (see page 26)	31

All Board meetings are held in Room A of the Administration Building with the exception of the Work Sessions and Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Commission meetings which are held in Room B, and the Library and Friends of the Library meetings which are held in the North Wing of the Delta Enrichment Center. *See page 35 for building locations.*

TAXES AND PAYMENTS



Second Meter For Pools, Gardens And Sprinklers

Did you know that homes in Delta Township do not need a second water meter for a pool, sprinklers, or other outdoor uses?

In Delta Township, a second meter is not needed because of the way our water and sewer bills are calculated. The computer uses the bills issued during the winter months (October through March) to establish a "sewer maximum," which is the maximum amount you will pay for the sewer portion of your bill during the summer months (April through September). You will be charged for all the water you use during the summer months, but the sewer portion of your bill will not exceed the average of your winter bills. Therefore, customers will not pay a sewer bill for the extra water used for lawn sprinkling during the summer.

This system eliminates the need for you to purchase a second meter for outdoor uses only. ▲

Data Verification

During the spring and summer months, the Assessing Department will continue our on-site process of updating individual property records on all properties. The purpose of the inspection is to verify the accuracy of our data and assure that properties are assessed uniformly and at approximately 50% of market value. Property owners within selected neighborhoods will receive informational letters prior to a visit from this department. Many of the neighborhoods to be visited this year will be newer subdivisions and condominium projects not visited in recent years. Visiting all property within a selected neighborhood at the same time helps assure that all property is being fairly assessed.

During the visit the appraiser will check the exterior measurements, property features, and inspect interior features whenever possible. Property owners are not required to allow the Assessing Department personnel into their home but a complete inspection will help assure you are being assessed based on the correct information. If you choose not to allow an interior inspection, we request that you answer the appraiser's questions at the door or by telephone.

If the appraiser should visit the home while the homeowner is away, they will leave a green door hanger to inform you that they were there. We request that you call the Assessor's Office and make an appointment so the appraiser may revisit the home to complete the appraisal. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please contact the Assessing Department at 323-8508, if you should have any questions. ▲

Water and Sewer

Monthly utility bills are prepared using water meter readings gathered by Lansing's Board of Water & Light meter readers at the same time they take electric meter readings. Township customers using only sanitary sewer service are billed a flat monthly charge. For our water customers with a separate sprinkler service, the first monthly bills will be sent out in May. May is the traditional month to fill swimming pools. Our residential customers can usually fill a swimming pool in less than a day using a garden hose. This method of filling a pool has little or no affect on sanitary sewer charges and usually results in cleaner water than that drawn from a fire hydrant or a water truck. ▲

FAST FACTS

The Township has an **electronic funds transfer service**, at no additional cost to customers, for payment of utility bills and property taxes. Please call the Township Accounting Department (323-8510) for details and enrollment.

Over 12,000 property tax statements are prepared and mailed in the summer and again in the winter, totaling \$51.5 million.

Delta Residents are eligible to finance a water and/or sewer assessment for up to 15 years. Annual Payments, including interest, are included on the winter tax roll.

Over 9,200 utility bills are prepared and mailed monthly.

Homestead Exemptions

A Homestead Exemption exempts an owner-occupied principal residence from paying school operating taxes. To claim an exemption, a Homestead Exemption Affidavit is filed with the Assessing Department by May 1st declaring that you own and occupy a property as your primary residence. Once a Homestead Exemption is added to the property, it remains in effect until you notify the Assessing Department that circumstances have changed.

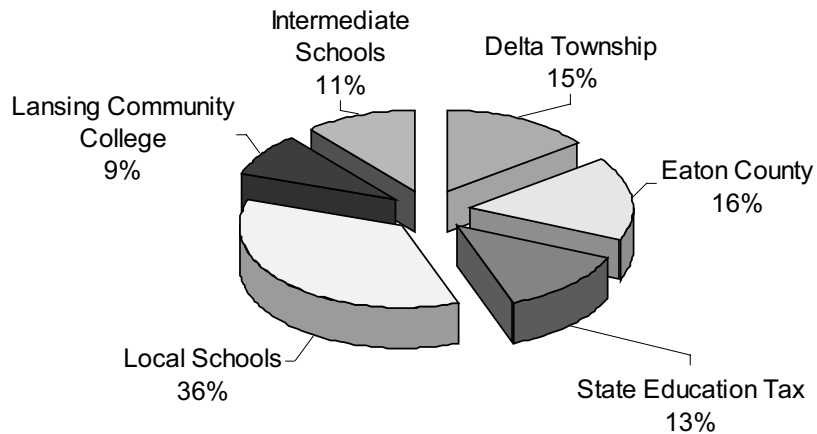
The percentage of homestead exemption benefit, typically 100%, is indicated on your assessment notice and all tax bills received from Delta Township. If you feel you are entitled to an exemption, but one is not indicated, please notify the Assessing Department. Exemptions may be corrected at our July and December Board of Review meetings for the current year, and the preceding year. The Homestead Exemption should not be confused with the Homestead Property Tax Credits available as a part of the Michigan Income Tax. There are no income limits to receive the benefits of a Homestead Exemption.

Should you move or change the use of your primary residence, you will need to file a form with the Assessing Department to rescind your current homestead. A homeowner is entitled to only one homestead exemption.

Homestead Exemption forms are available in the Assessor's office. ▲



2002 Delta Township Tax Roll Breakdown



Have you ever wondered where your tax dollars go? The Township collects your taxes and then works with the County to distribute the tax dollars to the other government recipients. The chart above is a simplified breakdown of how your annual taxes are distributed. If you are interested in the exact breakdown of your tax bill please refer to your most recent summer and winter tax statements or call the Assessing Department at 323-8520.

Important Dates To Remember For 2003

March 1: Unpaid 2002 property taxes become delinquent. All unpaid "Real" property taxes are turned over to the County for collection. "Personal Property" taxes remain payable to Delta Township.

March 3: Last day for the Assessing Department to complete the 2003 assessment roll.

March 10, 11, and 12, 2003: The March Board of Review meets to hear assessment concerns.

May 1: Deadline for filing a Homestead Exemption Affidavit for 2003.

Utility Bill Information

Seasonally, many of our customers go south for the winter or up north for the summer and have their mail forwarded. Many utility bills are returned to the Township as undeliverable because we have "Temp - Return Service Requested" on our envelopes. Then we mail them again to the corrected address provided. Having us send your bills directly to your "other" address can avert this delay and any potential late fines. ▲

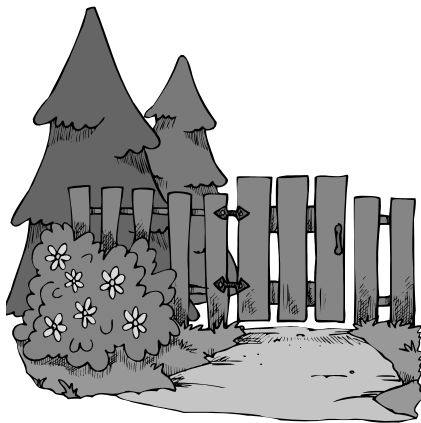
Property Taxes

Twice each year, on July 1st and December 1st, property tax statements are prepared and mailed to property owners and mortgage companies. As taxes are collected, distributions are made to the schools, community college, county and township. In addition to collecting property taxes, water and sanitary sewer special assessments are billed annually on August 1st, and collected. ▲

KNOW YOUR CODES....

Building a Deck

Check with the Planning/Zoning Department to determine how close you can come to your side and rear lot lines with your deck. A Building Permit is required for any deck with a roof and/or attached decks over 200 square feet. Call Miss Dig to identify buried lines or pipes before you dig. ▲



Fences

If you are planning a fence construction project you will need to consider the following information prior to commencement. The Building Code mandates that fences over 6 ft. in height obtain a building permit. No building permit is required for fences under 6' foot in height. The Zoning Ordinance also has a number of requirements for fencing. For example, it prohibits the erection of fences over 3 ft. in height in "clear vision areas" which are the areas where driveways intersect a public street and/or where two public streets intersect. Fences over 8' feet in height are not permitted other than in industrial zoning districts. For more information contact the Planning Department for details at 323-8560. ▲

Lawn Parking

In 2001 Delta Township adopted new regulations prohibiting the parking of motor vehicles on lawns in the required front setback area of residentially zoned properties. The front setback area is the "front" 30' foot of a property outside of the public road right of way. Vehicles "for sale" cannot be legally parked on lawns in the required front setback area. Complaints regarding vehicles parked on front lawns can be forwarded to the Township's Planning Department. ▲

Recreational Vehicle Parking

When you are getting ready to use your recreational vehicles this spring, remember the Delta Township Zoning Ordinance prohibits the parking of recreational vehicles, including tent/travel trailers, motor homes, boats and snowmobiles & their trailers, and general purpose trailers, within the required front setback area (the "front" 30 foot of a property outside of the public road right of way) for periods in excess of 48 hours. The provision within the ordinance is intended to provide clear vision areas in front of homes, to insure adequate emergency vehicle access and to maintain the residential character of existing neighborhoods. ▲



Detached Garages

If you are planning a spring detached garage construction project you will need to consider the following: The maximum permitted size of the detached garage depends on the zoning district in which the property is located. Most residentially zoned properties in Delta Township are limited to a maximum garage size of 770 sq. ft., which translates into a 24 ft. x 32 ft. garage "package". Typically garages must be setback a minimum of 5 ft. from side and rear property lines and 30 ft. from the front property line. Detached garages less than 200 sq. ft. are not required to obtain a building permit but they must still comply with the aforementioned setback limitations. It's recommended that anyone intending to construct a garage in the near future first contact the Township's Planning Department and receive the specific regulations for the zoning district in which they are located. The Township's Building Department (323-8530) can answer questions pertaining to the construction standard for garages, required permits and fees.

Decks, Fences and Garages can be impacted by private deed restrictions or covenants. These private restrictions are typically placed on the properties within the subdivision at the time of construction. They are frequently monitored or enforced by a neighborhood association. They often prohibit certain types of structure and regulate the setback from the property line, etc. To determine whether your subdivision has deed restrictions contact the **Eaton County Register of Deeds Office at 485-6444**. Delta Township does not have authority over the enforcement of private deed restrictions. ▲

CONSTRUCTION

How Will it Affect You?

New Guidelines For Sidewalk Repairs

Delta Township Engineering Department has been conducting a sidewalk repair program in areas with existing sidewalks. Delta has hired a contractor to remove and replace damaged or dilapidated slabs of concrete, eliminate trip edges and provide access ramps at intersections. This project is now complete. The new construction requires all owners of lots and parcels abutting dedicated public streets or private streets to construct sidewalks at the time of construction of any new principal buildings, or at the time of alteration of existing principal buildings on such lots or parcels.

It shall, in all cases be the responsibility of the owner of every lot or parcel of land in the township to keep the sidewalks adjacent to his lot or parcel in good repair. Conditions requiring repair, include but are not limited to:

- A rise or drop of more than 1 inch along the path of travel
- More than 2 cracks of ¼ inch in width or more in any 2 linear feet of sidewalk
- Any section of sidewalk that is rotated in excess of 1 inch per foot
- Any 5 foot linear section of sidewalk where 50% or more of the surface has scaled off (worn off) to a depth of ¼ inch or greater

If you are aware of sidewalks that, based on these guidelines, need repair, please call the Engineering Department at 323-8540. ▲



Non-Motorized Transportation Plan

What is non-motorized transportation? It is pathways or a road network specifically designed for walking, in-line skating, biking and other forms of non-motorized transportation. Delta Township is developing a plan for non-motorized pathways in the Township. The focus is on connecting existing activity nodes. People want safe ways to traverse the Township



between their residential neighborhoods and major activity centers like parks and shopping areas. Staff has researched and presented to the Township Board of Trustees a plan for non-motorized transportation in Delta Township. The plan looks at the population changes and growth areas and attempts to identify long-term non-motorized transportation and recreation needs. The main goal of the plan is to enhance non-motorized alternatives and encourage the development of adequate pedestrian and bicycle pathways. This is a long-term plan. If the preliminary plan is adopted by the Township Board, Staff will further research specific routes, easements, construction standards, maintenance plans, funding sources such as State, Federal and Private Foundation grants, and many other related details. The Township Board remains committed to investing in our community's transportation network including non-motorized transportation and recreation alternatives. ▲

New Subdivisions

The first phase of the Pointe West Subdivision will commence in the spring of 2003. The Subdivision will eventually consist of 85 lots and is located on the south side of St. Joe Highway between Nixon Road and Broadbent Road. Single Family Homes are presently being constructed in the first phase of the Fox Ridge Subdivision. The Subdivision will eventually consist of 106 lots and is located on the east side of Upton Road, approximately 800 ft. south of West Saginaw Highway. ▲

New Development

Township residents often have questions regarding new developments in Delta Township. The Township's web site, www.township.delta.mi.us, contains a listing under the Planning Department heading of projects, which are undergoing plan review as well as those under construction. If you are interested in more information on new development just log on to www.township.delta.mi.us. ▲

PUBLIC SAFETY

A Letter From Lieutenant Welbes, Delta Patrol

Dear Residents,

Warm weather is just around the corner...

As I write this I am looking out the window and there is still snow on the ground. It is 10 degrees outside and my thoughts turn to spring and warmer weather. In order to meet the deadline for publishing this magazine we must write the articles for a time in the future.

I hope that by the time this is published we are all enjoying warm weather. When that happens I hope that we will all adopt the "warm weather mentality". What do I mean? I mean that now we can think of the special pleasures and problems that accompany warm weather.

We can dust off our mountain bikes, our inline skates and even our motorcycles. As drivers we must consider new situations on the roadway. After a winter of dodging snow banks, slush and navigating treacherous ice we must now switch gears.

During the winter we urge motorists to drive slowly due to poor road conditions. Now I ask you to consider warm weather challenges. Consider the person ahead of you along the edge of the roadway. This may be his/her first outing on those inline skates. After a winter of snow that person may be rusty. If he/she falls or lurches to the left have you allowed yourself enough room to stop or avoid them?

I am sure several youngsters received the gift of a new bicycle this winter. Now they are going to learn to ride. Watch for the inevitable swerving and meandering of a new rider. Expect the youngster to do the unexpected.

Motorcycle riders are back on the roadway. Remember that a motorcycle has the same rights on the roadway as any other motor vehicle. Consciously remind yourself that motorcycles are out there and look for them. A slight miscue by a driver of a car can spell disaster for a motorcycle.

Now that warm weather is here people will be enjoying the outdoors. Homeowners will be doing spring cleanup and working in the yard. Watch for lawn mowing activity near the roadway. Watch for children chasing a ball or toy into the roadway.

Don't forget that the family dog will be in the thick of things. Sometimes dogs get away from their owner. Dogs can race into the roadway for no apparent reason.

Now that spring is here joggers and walkers are returning in force. Please slow when approaching them. It is courteous and safe. Please prepare yourself for warm weather driving and the challenges that come with it.

I wish you the best of spring and summer.

Take care,

*James Welbes
Lieutenant, Delta Patrol ECSD*



Burning permits in Delta Township

Delta Township is a growing community of nearly 30,000 residents. The Township retains rural areas in the western portion of the Township, as well as more populated areas in the eastern half of the Township. The Township Board was approached by a group of residents to consider further restrictions on burning in the more populated areas of the Township. Among the concerns listed were health related risks associated with yard waste fires. As the smoke produced by such fires cannot be contained on one's parcel, yard waste burning impacts many residents within the immediate area of the fire. When certain weather conditions exist the smoke produced by a yard waste fire can impact the air quality of large areas of the Township. After a public hearing and consideration of this request, the Township Board determined that additional regulations were necessary to safeguard public health and safety. Therefore, Delta Township has changed its regulations as it relates to Burning Permits required for recreational burning, domestic fires, and burn barrels.

Recreational fires are permitted with a burning permit in areas zoned residential and agricultural. Recreational fires (hotdog roasts) are fires consisting of natural wood only. Burn Barrels and domestic fires (for the burning of yard waste) are now only permitted in areas zoned agricultural. Therefore, the burning of yard waste is prohibited in most subdivisions within the Township. If you are unsure of the zoning for your parcel of land please call the **Delta Township Planning Department at (517) 323-8560**.

On January 2, 2003, the Township Fire Department began issuing burning permits required for recreational fires, domestic fires, and burn barrels. These are annual permits valid from the date of issue until December 31, 2003. Residents need to apply for an annual permit during normal business hours at Fire Station No. 1, located at 7614 W. Saginaw Hwy. in Delta Township. There is no charge for a burning permit.

All Fires

Residents will be issued a permit that they must retain for the year and be able to provide to inspectors. Each day a resident wishes to have a recreational fire, domestic fire or fire within a burn barrel they must call to verify that weather conditions are acceptable for burning. All fires must be

attended by an adult knowledgeable in the use of extinguishing equipment and have a water source near the fire. No use of petroleum products is permitted. The Fire Chief and/or his/her authorized representative reserves the right to enter the premises to ensure proper compliance to the Burning Rules and Regulations and has the authority to discontinue the permit if smoke creates a nuisance or hazardous condition. Fines for violation of any portion of the new burning regulations ranges from \$50.00-\$400.00.

Following are **some** requirements for Recreational fires, Domestic fires, and Burn Barrels. For a **complete** list of requirements please refer to the Township website at www.township.delta.mi.us or contact the Fire Department Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at 321-6622.

Recreational Burning

Areas zoned residential and agricultural only

1. Open burning on the ground (e.g.: campfires/recreational fires) shall be allowed in areas zoned residential or agricultural, with a permit, and shall be in an approved fire pit, outdoor fireplace or similar device.
2. Recreational Burning permitted from sunrise to 11:00 p.m. The material to be burned shall consist of natural firewood **ONLY**.
3. No construction material, brush, leaves, rubbish, etc. may be burned at any time. The burning area may not exceed three feet in diameter and two feet in height and no burning is permitted within 25 feet of any structure or combustible material.

Burning Regulations

Areas zoned agricultural only

DOMESTIC FIRES (Burning of Yard Waste)

1. Domestic fires may be permitted any time during the calendar year between the hours of sunrise and sunset. Domestic fires are defined as 'the burning of yard waste only.'
2. The resident applicant must be physically in attendance at the fire at all times. The permit is valid from sunrise to sunset.
3. Burning must be in one's own yard, at least five feet from the property line and a minimum of 25 feet from any structure or combustible material.
4. Residents may burn their own yard waste only. The brush pile cannot be any larger than 4' x 4' x 4' with brush smaller than (3) three inches in diameter. **NO STUMPS, LOGS OR BUILDING MATERIALS SHALL BE BURNED.**

Burning Barrels

Areas zoned agricultural only

1. Burning barrels are allowed only in agriculturally zoned areas (A-1 or A-2) from sunrise to sunset.
2. The container must be fire proof, constructed of metal or masonry, with an approved spark arrester or screen with openings not more than 3/4" in diameter.
3. The container must be at least five feet from the property line and fifteen feet from any combustible object.
4. You may burn on your own property only. Renters must receive permission to burn from the property owner.
5. Burn only Class A (paper, cardboard and yard waste) products. No food, plastics, diapers, cans or garbage can be burned at any time.
6. Burn only yard waste that is grown or has originated on your own property. No material may be brought in from another residence or location to be burned.

Persons found to be in violation of the Burning Rules & Regulations shall be subject to a citation. No warning shall be issued. Fines for violating the Delta Township Burning Ordinance range from \$50.00 to \$400.00.

The Township appreciates your attentiveness to and compliance with the changes in burning regulations with Delta Township. ▲



New Fire Station

If you have driven Canal Road or visited Horrock's Farm Market, I am sure you have noticed the construction of the new Central Fire Station for Delta Charter Township. It is located at the northwest corner of Canal Rd. and Administration Dr. just north of Saginaw Hwy. The Township broke ground on a new Central Fire Station on June 25, 2002 and is scheduled to occupy the new facility in spring of 2003. Watch your local paper in April and May for a grand opening ceremony announcement. The new station will provide needed training facilities, emergency operations center, expanded sleeping quarters for personnel growth into the future, offices, MIOSHA compliant vehicle bays for the service vehicles, increased technology, and much more. It is designed to accommodate service and personnel needs of 30 years of population growth and development. Thank you for voting and helping to ensure that Delta Township maintains it's excellent public safety services. ▲

Car Seat Safety

Is your child's safety seat installed correctly? Make an appointment today to help ensure your child's safety seat is properly installed.

In March of 2002 the Delta Township Fire Department, in partnership with the Capital Area Safe Kids Coalition and the Michigan Department of Community Health, started a child safety seat inspection program. This program is an effort to reduce the number of infant/child injuries due to child safety seats that are incorrectly installed in passenger vehicles. In 2002, 152 child safety seats were inspected. Surprisingly, only 15 of the 152 seats inspected were found correctly installed - roughly 9 out of 10 seats were installed incorrectly and could cause injury to the child involved in a motor vehicle accident. The most common mistake is failure to get the seatbelt tight enough to hold the child safety seat securely to the vehicle. Eighteen child safety seats were replaced because they were found unsafe for continued use.

On the last Friday of every month anyone can make an appointment to have their child safety seat inspected at Delta Township Fire Department Station #1 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. A certified child safety seat technician will inspect your child safety seat and demonstrate the proper way to secure it to your vehicle. The inspection takes approximately 30 minutes per child safety seat. Following are the dates for the child safety seat inspections for 2003:

May 30 Jun 27 Jul 25 Aug 29 Sept 26 Oct 31 Nov 21 Dec 19. **To schedule an appointment call Delta Township Fire Department at 321-6622 ext 415 and ask for Kathy.** There is no charge for this public service. ▲

RECYCLING

De-junking Days

Delta Township's annual De-Junking Days 2003 will take place at the Recycling Center, 5717 Millett Highway. Delta Township offers this special once a year recycling program to township residents in an effort to recycle more household contents. Volunteers of America will again be on hand to recycle resalable items back to the community.

The township implemented a Voucher System for residents in 2002, which was very successful and reduced the long lines at the Recycling Center, streamlining the whole process for everyone. The Voucher System will again be in place for the 2003 De-Junking Program.

De-Junking Days are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, May 15th	2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday, May 16th	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 17th	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In an effort to continue offering this service to our residents **free of charge**, residents will be required to obtain the vouchers prior to going to the recycling center.

Residents Are Entitled To:

One yard waste voucher per household – good for an unlimited amount of trips. Plastic bags are not allowed!

Two recycling vouchers per household – good for one trip each to De-junking.

Vouchers Are Issued To Delta Township Residents With:

1. Two pieces of I.D. will be required to obtain a voucher: (1) driver's license and (2) Township tax bill, Township water or sewer bill or voter identification card.
2. An occupant of the residence must be in the vehicle and provide driver's license and voucher at recycling center. Driver's license address must match the address on the voucher.

Vouchers can be picked up at the Delta Township Clerk's Office on the following days:

Monday – Friday, May 1st – 16th, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday, May 13th, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 15th, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 17th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Some of the accepted items include (but certainly not limited to): Yard Waste (branches no longer than 4 ft. in length & 4 inches in diameter), water softeners, bathtubs and sinks, furniture, lumber, sporting goods, games and toys, burning barrels, gas grill propane tanks, bicycles, books, boxes, cardboard, telephone books, newspaper, glass, mattresses, plastics, trampolines, cameras, carpet, clocks, leather goods, scrap metal, televisions, typewriters, clothing, computers, crafts, lawn equipment (lawn mowers must be empty of all fluids), paper (all types), and appliances, such as stoves, refrigerators (freon does not have to be removed) and dishwashers. No building demolition materials will be accepted or everyday household trash.

The size of your load will be restricted to:

No larger than 5' X 8' or the back of a full size pick-up truck. No tandem trailers or cube type vehicles will be permitted. ▲

Recycling Hours

Winter Hours December – March:

Wednesdays 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. and

Saturdays 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Summer Hours April – November:

Wednesdays 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. and

Saturdays 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Yard Waste bins will be available at the Recycling Center starting April 1st.

REMINDER: plastic bags are not accepted for yard waste. Large yard waste bags are available at the Clerk's Office and the Recycling Center for \$0.50 each, and they are also available at most home improvement stores. Residents may use the yard waste paper bags, cardboard boxes or plastic reusable tubs when taking yard waste to the Recycling Center. ▲

Mercury Thermometer Exchange

Delta Township residents have the opportunity to safely dispose of their mercury thermometers in exchange for a new oral, digital thermometer. This is an ongoing, year round collection. So, if you have a mercury thermometer you would like to exchange please bring your thermometer to the Township Clerk's Office. ▲

Household Battery Collection Points

Delta Township is a drop-off site for household batteries and old unusable cell phones. Collection buckets are located at the Recycling Center, 5717 Millett Highway, Delta Township Administration Building, 7710 W. Saginaw Highway and the Delta Township Library at 4538 Elizabeth Road. Batteries acceptable in this program include: A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, etc. **For more information on this program please contact the Eaton County Resource Recovery at 485-6444 Ext. 627. ▲**

THE EATON COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY sponsors the Mercury Thermometer and Household Battery Recycling Programs.

The Recycling Center will be closed on the following days:

April 19, 2003

May 24, 2003

July 5, 2003

August 30, 2003

November 29, 2003

December 24, 2003

December 27, 2003

Recycling bins at Delta's Recycling Center located on Millett Highway.



DID YOU KNOW...

Elections/Special Assessments/Sewer Backups...

2003 Elections

This will be a quiet election year for Delta Township residents; the only election scheduled is the annual school election on Monday, June 9, 2003.

If you would like an absentee ballot for the school election, please contact your school district office at the appropriate number below:

Grand Ledge Public Schools
627-6612
Holt Public Schools
694-2135
Lansing Public Schools
483-4133
Waverly Community Schools
321-7265 ▲

Information on Special Assessments in Delta Township

What is a special assessment?

A special assessment is a charge against property for a public improvement (water, sewer, etc.) that confers a special benefit to that property.

When is a special assessment district utilized?

Special assessment districts are typically used to fund projects that extend water and/or sewer service into a neighborhood.

Who initiates the special assessment process?

In most cases a citizen who is not currently served by Delta Township water or sanitary sewer approaches the Delta Township Engineering Department to request how they can acquire public water and/or connect to the public sanitary sewer system. The Township Engineer determines the location of the

closest existing pipe and explains the process to the inquirer. The Engineering Department provides them with petition forms and an informational packet.

Who can sign a petition?

The property owner, their spouses and all title holders, part owners, or buyers/sellers on land contracts must sign the petition.

Petition signatures shall be considered as valid when said signatures are found to be in agreement with the records at the county register of deeds' office as of the day the petitions were filed with the Township Clerk.

For more information on special assessment districts in Delta, please email Dennis Williams, Township Engineer at dgwilliams@township.delta.mi.us ▲

Sewer System Backup Information

If you have had sewage backup into your residence and wish to file a claim for damages, you **MUST** contact the Township Manager's Office and request a Sewer Backup Claim Form or pick up a claim form at the Township Administrative Building. A form will not automatically come to you because Utility Department personnel came to your home. All claims must be in writing. It is important that claims are filed promptly. Claims that are not filed within the proper time period will not be eligible to recover damages. Filing a claim does not guarantee that you will recover damages.

If you have other questions or would like more information about filing a claim for sewer backups, please call the Manager's Office at (517) 323-8590. ▲

Photography Program

The Assessing Department continues to work on updating the photographs of each property within the Township. A photograph is an important part of the tax records since they visually present the other information maintained as part of the township's property records. This process will continue through the spring and summer months until the entire township has been photographed. Digital photographs are a part of the property record card and are displayed on the township's website under Assessing Information online button. All appraisers will have pictured identification with them and will be in marked Delta Township vehicles when taking the photographs.



Use Of Fire Hydrants

Fire hydrants are installed on our water system for putting out fires. Hydrants may not be used to fill pools or to water lawns.

The use of hydrants is only permitted when personal property will not be endangered. The most frequent use of fire hydrants is in developing subdivision where contractors need water for mortar to lay blocks for the foundation of a new building.

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO TAKE WATER FROM A HYDRANT WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION. ▲



Adjust Sprinkler Heads

Be sure to check your outdoor lawn sprinkler system for leaks. Verify that all the water is dispersed on your lawn where you intend it to go. Pay extra attention to sprinkler heads near the street and adjust them so they are spraying the lawn and not the traffic. ▲

Yard Work Can Affect Water Supply Quality

Many a cold winter's night is spent planning the dream of a beautiful yard; lush green lawns, beautiful flower beds, and well-stocked vegetable gardens, all free of weeds and insects. Unfortunately, we often assume the perfect yard requires the continual application of chemical fertilizers.

Whether you own a large rural acreage or a small city lot, what you put on your lawn can greatly impact the quality of surface water and groundwater in the surrounding watershed. The over use of chemicals can eventually result in unhealthy lawns and gardens that become dependent on the chemical "fix."

Homeowners sprucing up their lawns for spring should be careful using fertilizers because two of the most common types may harm area water quality if managed poorly. The movement of nitrogen and phosphorus from soils to water supplies raises water quality concerns. If the amount of nitrate in the drinking water becomes elevated possible negative health affects may occur. Excess phosphorus that finds its way into surface waters may promote excess algae growth, choking out the more desirable plant and animal species.

What a homeowner does on their individual lawn or garden may seem unimportant, but the accumulated impact of what happens in a community even when done on a small scale, may be very significant to nearby watersheds. Each lawn and garden by itself is small, but decisions made by the individual homeowners have important cumulative effects in maintaining and protecting the environment.

It is important that homeowners be good stewards of fertilizer use. Some common sense practices will help in protecting our water supplies. Among these practices are soil testing, proper fertilizer application rates and times, and controlling fertilizer runoff.

A soil analysis should be conducted every 3-4 years to assess pH and nutrient availability. The soil test will

provide an analysis of the amount of phosphorus, potassium, calcium, and magnesium that is available to your lawn. The relative amounts of each of the other soil nutrients will determine the appropriate type of fertilizer to apply. Apply phosphorus and potassium based on soil test results and recommendations. When these nutrient levels are high, adding more does little to increase plant productivity but may do a lot in harming the environment. Most fertilizer recommendations for homeowners refer to a 1,000 square foot area, or an area 20 feet by 50 feet. With nitrogen application, it is especially important to follow these guidelines.

Some homeowners dispose of unused fertilizer by spreading excess on too small of an area. This is a practice that should be avoided. Store the excess fertilizer in a safe place for future use or possibly give it to a neighbor to use on their lawn. When applying fertilizer, fill applicators over a hard surface, and sweep up any spills. Avoid washing fertilizers into street drainage, and control erosion to limit the amount of phosphorus that is leaving the lawn with erosion. Various landscaping techniques are available to keep fertilizer from draining off your property into surface waters. A vegetative buffer of trees, bushes, shrubs, and natural grasses will minimize natural disturbance of soil, slow surface runoff, and filter sediments and nutrients from runoff before they reach lakes, streams or manmade receptacles. ▲

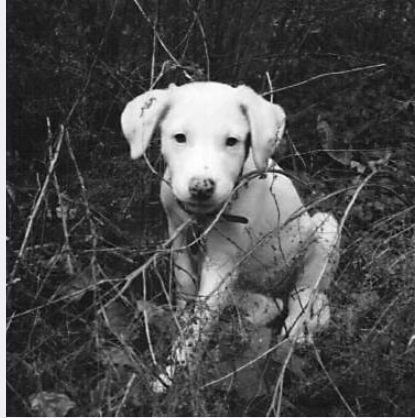
Locating Utilities

In the coming year, the Utility Department is going to aggressively locate the underground "water and

sewer utilities” (manholes, water valves, water stops, hydrants) in Delta Township.

Delta Township is responsible for maintaining the public sewer and water system within the Township. The majority of the sewer and water installation is conducted by private developers and then turned over to the Township to operate and maintain. The developer submits plans for how and where the sewer and water will be built in his development; however, on site conditions may dictate a change in the exact location of the sewer or water line while it is being constructed. To maintain the system efficiently, the Township needs to maintain accurate records of the exact location of underground sewer and water systems.

We will be using two types of instruments that will assist with locating underground utilities. The first type is using conventional surveying practices and the second is using GPS (Global Positioning Satellites). During the year you may see a township employee digging in your front yard. They will be trying to find the water shut-off for the building, a mainline water valve or sanitary sewer manhole. Once these items are exposed, we will use the appropriate method to establish coordinates or references for its exact geographic location. The instruments used have a built-in data collection system that can be plugged into the office computer where the data is downloaded and displayed on a map of the Township. When maintenance is required on that pipe in the future, the Township utility workers can reference the map to more accurately locate the pipe in the field. Long-term this will save the Township time and money for utility system maintenance.



Dog Licenses:

Delta Township serves as an agent to Eaton County by selling dog licenses from December 1st - February 28th. You can save money by purchasing your dog licenses from the Township during the above time period for \$12.00 or \$7.00 for a spayed or neutered dog. If you wait until after March 1st it will cost \$25.00 and will have to be purchased at the Eaton County Complex in Charlotte.

If you see a utility worker in your yard, ask to see their identification to verify who they are and ask what they are doing. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Delta Township Utility Department at 323-8570. ▲



Delta Utility employee Walter Kulasa setting up surveying equipment

Web Information Sources: Subdivision Plats & MDOT Traffic Volumes

Township residents who have computer access can now obtain digitally scanned images for all subdivision plats in the State of Michigan. If you live in a subdivision and don't know the name, you can look at your latest tax bill that will reference the subdivision. When searching at the web site, you should start with the broadest possible criteria, for example if you are trying to find Gettysburg Estates #2 Subdivision, begin with "Gettysburg".

The site is: <http://www.cis.state.mi.us/bcc/divisions/mfghsg/srsubs.asp>

The Michigan Department of Transportation prepares traffic volume maps for major roadways throughout the state including those in the Lansing area. State trunk lines include M-43 (West Saginaw Hwy.), I-496, and I-96/I-69. For example, there are four traffic counts available along M-43 between Waverly Road and Broadbent Road. The site is:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/adtftrnt_20092_7.pdf ▲

Lend a Helping Hand:

The rainy season is upon us once again. There are a few neighborhoods within the Township that are prone to street ponding during major storm events. You can help prevent or reduce these events by keeping the catch basins and/or street drain covers near your home free of leaves, sticks and debris.

Many times street ponding could be minimized or prevented just by taking five minutes to check the storm water drain cover and clear away any leaves, sticks or debris that has collected. The Township participates with the Eaton County Road Commission in an annual street sweeping program; however, storms are unpredictable and drain covers can become obstructed quickly even after cleaning. Another benefit of cleaning the catch basin covers is to preserve better water quality in our rivers. Anything (leaves, trash, debris, etc.) that goes into the catch basin is carried out and dumped directly into the river.

Who is responsible for storm drains?

Delta Township has no jurisdiction or authority over storm drains. Storm drains belong to the County.

Why does my neighborhood experience street ponding?

Major storm events will cause street ponding and this is normal. Even the best storm water system will pond or become over loaded during a major storm event. Other factors impacting the neighborhoods potential for street ponding are the size of the storm water pipes. Neighborhoods developed prior to the 1970's were developed using different standards for pipe sizing then today. If the pipe is small it takes longer to carry the water away to the river.

Can the drains in an existing neighborhood be improved or upgraded to minimize street ponding?

Unfortunately, the cost to retrofit or entirely replace an existing drain is extremely high and cost prohibitive. In addition, the individual beneficiaries pay for drain improvements in the State of Michigan. In a new development it is the developer who pays and passes the cost on to the future homeowner through the price of the lot. In an existing neighborhood it is the individual lot owners. Therefore, special assessment districts are established to pay for any drain improvement in existing neighborhoods. Since total redevelopment of the drain is not

an option at this time, the County does maintenance and cleaning activities to help the existing drains functions optimally. ▲

Automated Information Availability

The Assessing Department offers property information to the general public via the Internet. The records are easily accessed through Delta Township's web site - www.township.delta.mi.us. Simply click on the Assessing Information Online button, and follow the instructions. You will be able to browse basic record information, such as recent and historical sale information, assessment and taxable value data, building sketches, building and land characteristics, property tax and payment dates, and a picture of any building.

The Assessing Department also offers an automated voice system called PAL that provides similar property and tax information 24 hours a day 7 days a week. **The phone number to the system is 517-323-8486.** You are given the option of either having the information read to you or you may have the property and tax information, including sketch, faxed to you. All faxes are free of charge within the 517 and 989 area codes. ▲

Eatran Tokens

Delta Township residents can now buy tokens at the Delta Township Clerk's Office in the Delta Township Administration Building located at 7710 West Saginaw Hwy. Tokens can be purchased Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information please contact the Delta Township Clerk's Office at 517-323-8500. You may also visit the EATRAN (Eaton County Transportation Authority) Web site eatran.com for detailed route information or call 517-371-3312.

CATA (Capital Area Transportation Authority) provides some services to the eastern portion of the Township. For more information about CATA's public transportation services visit their website cata.org or call 394-1000.

Eatran Token Prices (10 Tokens Per Strip)

Elderly & Handicap

\$5.00 per strip of 10 tokens

Student

\$7.50 per strip of 10 tokens

Regular

\$10.00 per strip of 10 tokens

COMMUNITY CENTER

Rental Facility

7550 W. Willow Hwy

Main Upstairs: 37'8"x60'
 Dance Floor: 16'x20'
 Main Downstairs: 25'x55'
 Rectangular Tables (6'): 35
 Rectangular Tables (5'): 5
 Round Tables (5'): 20
 Stacking Chairs: 75
 Folding Chairs: 150
 Parking Spaces: 70
Figures are approximated.



The community center is available for rental for your meeting, wedding reception, or other special occasion! It has a bi-level floor plan, with a carpeted upper level with a dance floor and a tile floor with a small kitchen downstairs. The entire building is handicap accessible. It is an air-conditioned, nonsmoking facility and can accommodate groups of up to 170 people.



Upstairs Facing Entrance Hall



Upstairs Facing Dance Floor



Downstairs Facing Kitchen



Downstairs Kitchen

Group	Day	Session (Times include set-up and take-down. Groups should stop their events one hour prior to the ending time to allow for cleanup.)	Resident	Non-Resident	Rental Deposit (This deposit is to hold your date and will go toward the rental fee.)
Private or profit-making	Sunday	2:00pm-12:00am	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
Private or profit-making	Monday-Thursday	8:00am-4:00pm or 5:00pm-12:00am (Limited availability)	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
Private or profit-making	Friday	8:00am-4:00pm or 5:00pm-1:00am	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
Non-profit	Sunday-Friday	Timeslots same as above.	\$25.00	\$50.00	None (rental fee due)
All groups	Saturday/Township Holidays	8:00am-1:00am	\$350.00	\$450.00	\$200.00
All groups require a \$250.00 refundable damage deposit and proof of homeowner's or renter's insurance.					

Please note we do not hold dates over the phone. In order to hold your date, you must come into the Parks & Recreation Office, complete the rental application, and put down the required deposit. Reservations are taken up to two years in advance.

New rates will be in effect July 1, 2003. Look for these new rates to be published in the summer issue.

For more information please call the Parks & Recreation Office at 323-8555.

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PICNIC SHELTERS

Park Facility Rental Information

Picnic shelters are available for group reservations at Delta Mills, Sharp, and Grand Woods Parks. Timeslots are **10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.-Dusk, or 10:00 a.m.-Dusk**. Groups may begin reserving the shelters for their gatherings on the first business day of the year for event dates between **May 1st** and **September 30th**. Reservations may be made in person with payment due at that time or by phone with payment due within 10 business days. If your event is rained out, we can reschedule your group for another date. Refunds will only be issued for cancellations made at least 21 days before your event.



Sharp Park Shelter

Sharp Park is located north of the Lansing Mall on Elmwood Rd



Delta Mills Shelter

Delta Mills Park is located on Old River Trail off Canal or Webster



Grand Woods Pavilion

Grand Woods Park is located on Willow Hwy west of Waverly Rd



Grand Woods Shelter



Delta Mills Main Playground



Sharp Park North Playground

Delta Mills and Sharp Park Shelters (open structures)	
Residents of Delta Township	½ Day Session: \$35.00 Full Day Session: \$60.00
Non-Residents	½ Day Session: \$45.00 Full Day Session: \$80.00
Grand Woods Park Shelter (open structure)	
Residents and Non-Residents	½ Day Session: \$35.00 Full Day Session: \$60.00
Grand Woods Park Pavilion (enclosed structure)	
Residents and Non-Residents	½ Day Session: \$60.00 Full Day Session: \$110.00

**Delta Township
Administrative Offices**
7710 West Saginaw Highway
323-8500
Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Delta Township Library &
Enrichment Center**
4538 Elizabeth Road
321-4014
Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fridays 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Friends Second Time
Around Used Book Store**
4538 Elizabeth Road
Mondays-Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Thursdays - Closed
Fridays 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Saturdays 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Community Center
7550 W. Willow Hwy
Rental Information: 323-8555

Recycling Center
5717 Millett Highway
Information: 323-8500
Winter Hours December - March:
Wednesdays 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Summer Hours April - November:
Wednesdays 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY
**Eaton County Sheriff/Delta
Patrol**
7708 Administration Drive
(Non-Emergency) 323-8480
Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Delta Township Fire
Station # 1**
7614 West Saginaw Highway
(Non-Emergency) 321-6622
Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Delta Township Fire
Station #2**
5317 Old Lansing Road
(Non-Emergency) 322-0463

**Delta Township Fire
Station #3**
215 Snow Road
(Non-Emergency) 886-1162

CEMETERIES
Delta Center Cemetery
7301 W. St. Joe Hwy
Information: 323-8500

Hillside Cemetery
6415 Delta River Drive
Information: 323-8500

PARKS
Anderson Park
3207 Wardell Rd

Delta Mills Park
7001 Old River Trail

Erickson Park
4220 S. Canal Rd

Grand Woods Park
4500 W. Willow Hwy

Hawk Meadows
Delta River Dr, ½ mile east of Ingersoll

Hunter's Orchard Park
7242 Old River Trail

Lake Delta
3½ miles south of Saginaw on Canal Rd

LeLand Park
½ mile west of Waverly on St. Joe

Lootens Park
East of Nixon Rd on Willow Hwy

Sharp Park
1401 Elmwood Rd

*A Delta Township map is available on the
back cover to assist in locating our facilities.*

*For a department directory including phone
numbers and a breakdown of responsibilities
please see page 3.*

*Unless specified, all addresses are Lansing,
MI 48917.*



CLASS LOCATIONS

Delta Township Enrichment Center
4538 Elizabeth Road
Located 1 block north of Saginaw Hwy near the corner of Rob-
ins Road and Elizabeth Road.

Delta Township Community Center
7550 W. Willow Hwy
Located on the northeast corner of Willow Hwy and Canal Road,
one mile north of Saginaw.

DeWitt Junior High School
Take I-69 to exit 85. Go north approximately ½ mile to Herbison
Road and turn left. Go approximately ¼ mile until you see a sign

for DeWitt Schools on your left. Turn left and the Junior High
School will be on your right.

ATA Black Belt Academy
410 Elmwood Rd
Located on the east side of Elmwood Road (across from Meijer)
between Saginaw Hwy and Michigan Ave.

Shinn's Taekwondo Academy
5601 W. Saginaw Hwy
Located on the south side of Saginaw Hwy across from the
Lansing Mall.

WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP / CLINTON COUNTY



Delta Charter Township
7710 W. Saginaw Highway
Lansing, MI 48917

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